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An initial feasibility study, annexation feasibility analysis and a comparison of alternatives for a change in governance structure for the Los Angeles County unincorporated communities of the Santa Clarita Valley, including Sunset Pointe, Southern Oaks, Stevenson Ranch, Westridge, Tesoro, Castaic, and Val Verde have recently been completed. The studies will be made available for public review and discussed in public forums.

The costs and benefits of the options for governance will also be discussed and evaluated in public forums and community meetings between August and November, 2009. The three major alternatives for governance are:

1. Remain as official communities in unincorporated Los Angeles County
2. Incorporate into a new separate city
3. Negotiate an annexation into the City of Santa Clarita

Issues regarding annexation and incorporation have been debated for several years in the Santa Clarita Valley, and in the interest of transparency and public self-determination regarding governance issues, it is time for communities to be heard. Voters in the unincorporated areas of the Santa Clarita Valley as defined in the attached map (Exhibit A) should have the opportunity to make a choice.

There will be no additional costs for this election since it will be incorporated as part of the regularly scheduled November 3, 2009 consolidated election.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution (Exhibit B) which places an advisory vote on the governance structure of the unincorporated areas of Santa Clarita Valley on the November 3, 2009 ballot, in substantially its current form, after review and approval by County Counsel.

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Yaroslavsky	_____
Antonovich	_____
Knabe	_____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,
PROVIDING FOR AND GIVING NOTICE OF A SPECIAL ADVISORY
ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ON NOVEMBER 3, 2009, AND CONSOLIDATING
THE SPECIAL ADVISORY ELECTION WITH OTHER ELECTIONS
TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2009**

WHEREAS, an initial feasibility study, annexation feasibility analysis and a comparison of alternatives for a change in governance structure for the Los Angeles County unincorporated communities of the Santa Clarita Valley, including Sunset Pointe, Southern Oaks, Stevenson Ranch, Westridge, Castaic, Tesoro, and Val Verde (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Santa Clarita Valley"), have been independently completed and made available for public review and discussion; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable, that the County obtain input from the registered voters of unincorporated Santa Clarita Valley so that the County understands the opinions of voters on the governance options available; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors deems it necessary and essential to submit three advisory questions concerning the governance of the unincorporated Santa Clarita Valley to obtain input from the registered voters of said area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors requests to hold the special advisory election on the regularly scheduled election date of November 3, 2009, and to consolidate such advisory vote election with the other elections to be held on that date.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles as follows:

Section (1) Call of Election and Purpose. A special advisory election shall be held and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held in the County on the 3rd day

of November 2009, for the purpose of submitting to the registered voters of the unincorporated Santa Clarita Valley three separate advisory vote questions regarding proposals relating to governance in the unincorporated Santa Clarita Valley.

Section (2) Ballot Propositions. The three advisory vote questions relating to governance in the unincorporated Santa Clarita Valley shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

Advisory Vote Only

Do you support having areas in the Santa Clarita Valley including Sunset Pointe, Stevenson Ranch, Southern Oaks, Westridge, Tesoro, Castaic and Val Verde remain as official communities in unincorporated Los Angeles County?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you support having areas in the Santa Clarita Valley including Sunset Pointe, Stevenson Ranch, Southern Oaks, Westridge, Tesoro, Castaic and Val Verde incorporate into a new separate city?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you support having areas in the Santa Clarita Valley including Sunset Pointe, Stevenson Ranch, Southern Oaks, Westridge, Tesoro, Castaic and Val Verde negotiate an annexation into the City of Santa Clarita?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Section (3) Voting Area. The voting area for the advisory measures pertaining to the unincorporated Santa Clarita Valley, is depicted in the boundary map attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section (4) Proclamation. Pursuant to Section 12001 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby proclaims that a special

advisory election shall be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, to vote upon the three advisory measures. The polls shall be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Section (5) Election Procedure. All qualified voters residing within the areas depicted, as identified in Exhibit A, shall be permitted to vote in the election for the purpose of allowing said voters to voice their opinions on the substantive governance issues described herein, and in all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the election shall be held as nearly as practicable in conformity with the Elections Code of the State of California. The votes cast for and against each question shall be separately counted, but shall in no manner be controlling on the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Election Code section 9603.

Section (6) Consolidation. The special election called by this Resolution shall be consolidated with the other elections conducted by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to be held in the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 2009, and the advisory vote questions shall be placed on the same ballot to the extent the elections are conducted within the same geographical areas and, in such instance, the same precincts, polling places, elections officers, and facilities shall be used for the elections.

Section (7) Authority. This Resolution is adopted pursuant to section 12001 of the Elections Code and section 25201 of the Government Code. The Executive Officer Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is ordered to file a copy of this Resolution with the Registrar-Recorder at least eighty-eight (88) days prior to the day of the election.

The foregoing resolution was on the 21st day of July 2009,
adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the
governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and
authorities for which said Board so acts.



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Legend

-  Area 1 - Tesoro
 Area 2 - Castaic/Val Verde
 Area 3 - West Side Communities
 Unincorporated County
 City of Santa Clarita

1:70,000
2 0.4 0.8 Miles
July 15, 2009

